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SUBJECT: IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE: MORNING SESSION, SEPT. 23,

AGENDA ITEMS IV AND VI

SUMMARY: GENERAL CONFERENCE ADOPTED AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF ITEMS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRO-VISIONAL AGENDA CONTAINED GC(XIX)/542. US REP OPENED GENERAL DEBATE (AGENDA ITEM VI) WITH US STATEMENT FOLLOWED BY SOUTH AFRICA, FRANCE, FRG, AUSTRALIA, UK, ROMANIA AND IRAN. STATEMENTS IN GENERAL STRONGLY SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES OF AGENCY, WITH DIFFERENT MEMBERS POINTING OUT VARIOUS AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THEM. END SUMMARY.

1. DR. ROBERT SEAMANS, ADMINISTRATOR, ENERGY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, DELIVERED SUMMARY OF TEXT RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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LEASED TO PRESS BY ERDA OPENING WITH PRESIDENT FORD MESSAGE

THAT "THE POLICY OF THE US WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE AGENCY". US REP THEN EXPLAINED ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE IN USG CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT ERDA AND NRC AND DESCRIBED MISSION OF EACH ORGANIZATION. HE ASSERTED THAT US R AND D PROGRAM EMPHASIS WILL CONTINUE GIVE PROMINENT POSITION TO NUCLEAR ENERGY, BOTH IN IMPROVING LWRS AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT FOR CIVILIAN REACTORS AS WELL AS FAST BREEDER REACTORS. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE CONSERVATION METHODS ACROSS WHOLE SPECTRUM NUCLEAR ENERGY PRODUCTION IN REDUCING ENERGY NEEDS. HE ADVERTED TO PRESIDENT'S REAFFIRMATION OF US INTENT TO CONTINUE AS RELIABLE MAJOR SUPPLIER NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND DESCRIBED PRESIDENT'S PLAN TO INCREASE US URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPACITY. REFERRING TO AGENCY ACTIVITIES HE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF ITS WORK RELATING TO NUCLEAR SAFETY RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING IN PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES OF NUCLEAR POWER, POINTING OUT US CONTRIBUTIONS IN THESE FIELDS. HE SPOTLIGHTED AGENCY'S STUDY OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS AS ITEM OF SPECIAL US INTEREST AND SUPPORT. CONCERNING SAFEGUARDS, HE STATED USG BELIEF THAT NUCLEAR SUPPLIER AND USER NATIONS HAVE COMMON RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSURE THAT NUCLEAR MATERIALS BE USED ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN THESE MATERIALS NOT TO BE JEOPARDIZED. HE ASSERTED CENTRALITY OF NPT IN US POLICY, AND STATED INTEREST OF WORLD COMMUNITY THAT TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY TO NNWS, WHETHER OR NOT NPT PARTIES, SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS. HE ALSO STATED BELIEF THAT UTMOST RESTRAINT SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN EXPORT OF CERTAIN SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES, EVEN UNDER SAFEGUARDS. HE REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING US VOLUNTARY OFFER RE SAFEGUARDS APPLICATION TO CERTAIN US NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES HAVE NOW REACHED AN ADVANCED STAGE. HE DESCRIBED AREAS IN WHICH SAFEGUARDS MAY BE STRENGTHENED BY AGENCY AND MEMBER STATES, NOTING SPECIAL US CONGRESS GRANT FOR STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDS AND URGING OTHER STATES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. HE POINTED OUT NEED FOR UPGRADING PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT THEFT OR SABOTAGE BY SUB-NATIONAL

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GROUPS. HE RENEWED US ANNUAL PLEDGES OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO AGENCY AND STATED US GREAT CONFIDENCE IN AGENCY AND HOPE FOR INCREASED SUPPORT BY ALL MEMBERS.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN REP COMMENTED THAT AGENCY HAD SHOWN CAPACITY FOR GROWTH, HAVING IN PAST PROVIDED KNOW-HOW AND TRAINING IN ISOTOPES FOR MEDICAL AND AGRICULTURAL

USES WHEN THESE WERE OF MAJOR INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BUT NOW EXPANDING ROLE TO ASSIST IN THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER AND IN THE SEARCH FOR URANIUM RESOURCES. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER AND IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL AGENCY ROLE IN HELPING ON WASTE CONTROL AND GUIDELINES ON SITING, PLANT DESIGN, ETC. HE THOUGHT AGENCY HAD ROLE TO PLAY IN RATIONALIZING FUEL CYCLE TO AVOID DISTORTED DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY OVERDUPLICATION OF REPROCESSING AND WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES. HE NAMED RECOMMENDATIONS ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION AS ONE OF HIGHEST PRIORITY AGENCY PROJECTS AND COMMENDED AGENCY ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD. HE COMMENDED DG'S EFFORTS RESTRAIN EXPENSES, BUT CALLED FOR FURTHER EFFORTS STREAMLINE AGENCY BY ELIMINATING MARGINAL ACTIVITIES. HE IDENTIFIED URANIUM ENRICHMENT AS A MAJOR SOUTH AFRICAN ACHIEVEMENT IN NUCLEAR FIELD WHICH WOULD HELP MEET FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS. HE ALSO THOUGHT HIS NATION COULD ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PROSPECTING FOR URANIUM. HE CONFIRMED SA'S INTEREST IN EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS, EXPRESSING HOPE THEY COULD BE DEVELOPED TO POINT WHERE THEIR ECONOMIC EFFECT WAS IMPERCEPTIBLE AND NOT A BRAKE ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. FRENCH REP STATED THAT LAST APRIL'S CONFERENCE IN PARIS ON THE COMING OF AGE OF NUCLEAR POWER CONFIRMED NEED FOR NUCLEAR POWER AND FOR FAST BREEDER REACTOR. HE STATED IT ESSENTIAL 1977 CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE STUDY THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER IN

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BECAUSE THEY ARE SIMPLE, COMPACT, CAN MAKE USEABLE STEAM AND CAN BE HAULED TO REMOTE PLACES, EVEN ON BARGES. HE REFERRED TO MEETING IN GABON ON OKLO PHENOMENON AS EVIDENCE THAT GEOLOGICAL STORAGE IS POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF WASTE DISPOSAL PROBLEM. HE STATED FRENCH INTEREST IN AGENCY'S DEVELOPING NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES AND STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND INSISTED AGENCY IS PROPER FORUM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY CODES AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. HE NOTED PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, STATING THAT FRANCE HAS TRIED TO ENSURE THAT ITS COOPERATION WITH OTHERS WOULDN'T LEAD TO ADDITIONAL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. HE STATED FRENCH INTENT TO RELY MORE THAN BEFORE UPON THE AGENCY FOR SAFEGUARDS AND CONTROLS. HE ADDED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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FRANCE WILL RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF RECIPIENTS OF ITS NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND REJECTS NON-EQUAL TREATMENT OF IAEA MEMBERS.

4. FRG REP ANALYZED POTENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES AND CONCLUDED NUCLEAR FISSION IS ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO FOSSIL FUELS CURRENTLY ADVANCED ENOUGH AND CHEAP ENOUGH TO USE. HE ITEMIZED GERMAN PLANS FOR REACTOR CONSTRUCTION, IDENTIFYING LWRS AS OFFERING BEST CURRENT PROSPECTS. HE NOTED OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR ENERGY IN GERMANY BUT WAS CONFIDENT IT COULD BE UTILIZED SAFELY AND RELATED PROBLEMS SOLVED. HE OFFERED GERMAN COOPERATION TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SOLVING THEIR ENERGY PROBLEM. HE OUTLINED FRG-BRAZILIAN SALE, NOTING THAT BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AND EXPECT FIRST DRAFT OF AGREEMENT WITH AGENCY BEFORE YEARS END. HE PLEDGED FRG CONTRIBUTION TO AGENCY'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, URGED FURTHER RATIFICATIONS OF NPT AND CALLED UPON DG

TO ELIMINATE LESS PRODUCTIVE AGENCY PROGRAMS. NOTING STATUS US-UK VOLUNTARY OFFERS, HE HOPED THREE NPT DEPOSITARY COUNTRIES WOULD APPLY SAFEGUARDS TO THEIR INDUSTRIAL REACTORS. HE SUPPORTED NPT REVCON RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPLIERS THAT FULL FUEL CYCLE OF RECIPIENTS BE COVERED BY SAFEGUARDS. HE SUPPORTED UPDATING OF AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION AND MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PNES. HE PLEDGED FRG'S CONTINUED ACTIVE SUPPORT TO AGENCY.

5. AUSTRALIAN REP NOTED THAT EXISTENCE LARGE DEPOSITS URANIUM PROVIDE HIS COUNTRY LARGE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES WHICH NOT REALIZED NOW BECAUSE OF PUBLIC APPREHENSIONS RE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS. HE THOUGHT AGENCY SHOULD PLAY ROLE IN PROVIDING FACTUAL INFORMATION TO ALLAY SUCH FEARS. HE HOPED THESE FEARS COULD BE OVERCOME IN TIME SO AUSTRALIA COULD EXPORT, AND IN TIME UPGRADE THE MATERIALS BEFORE EXPORTING.

6. UK REP FOCUSSED ON HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF NPT REVCON: (A) THAT AGENCY SHOULD ASSIST ALL STATES TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS, UNCLASSIFIED

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(B) THAT UNIVERSALITY OF SAFEGUARDS PROVISIONS SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED (AS TO DURATION AND APPLICATION TO EXPORTS), (C) THAT COMMON EXPORTING REQUIREMENTS BE STRENGTHENED, (D) THAT MORE ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO SAFEGUARDS TECHNIQUES AND DATA HANDLING, (E) THAT PNES ARE PROPER FIELD FOR AGENCY, (F) THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD GO TO NPT PARTIES. REGARDING LAST POINT, WHILE NOTING AGENCY CANNOT DISCRIMINATE AMONG ITS MEMBERS, HE STATED THAT BETWEEN MEMBERS, DISTINCTIONS CAN BE DRAWN WITH RESPECT TO CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND. HE THEREFORE PLEDGED, IN ADDITION TO USUAL UK CONTRIBUTION, A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR TRAINING FOR STATES PARTIES TO NPT. HE WELCOMED AGENCY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PHYSICAL SECURITY AND THE STUDY ON REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CENTERS. HE SAID SUBSTANCE OF UK VOLUNTARY OFFER NOW WORKED OUT WITH AGENCY. HE HOPED TEXT WOULD BE CIRCULATED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

7. ROMANIAN DEL UNDERTOOK PUT HIS COMMENTS IN CONTEXT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND 6TH AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF UNGA. HE CITED AGENCY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS, TRAINING AND MEETINGS AND URGED INCREASING EFFORTS TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SOLVE THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE REPEATED ROMANIAN CALL AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION FOR REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS,

WITH FUNDS AND NUCLEAR MATERIALS SAVED TO BE DEVOTED TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE OBSERVED THAT RECENT LARGE INCREASE IN AGENCY BUDGET WAS CAUSED BY INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS AND NOT BY INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE THEREFORE DECLINED TO SUPPORT BUDGET.

8. IRAN REP DESCRIBED HIS COUNTRY'S NUCLEAR CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND URGED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ASSIST IN TRANSFERRING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TAPE

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